

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7017
By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Claudette Henley Elsea
of Spring City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Claudette Henley Elsea; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Elsea was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Spring City and lifelong resident of Rhea County, Claudette Henley was a highly respected member of her community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Elsea, along with her husband, owned and operated KTC Apparel, which at one point during its twenty-one years in business employed more than one hundred people; and

WHEREAS, deeply involved in her community, Claudette Elsea was a member of the Spring City Chamber of Commerce, the Women's Club, and the Professional Women's Club of Spring City. She was pillar of strength and support for her husband, Senator Gene Elsea, throughout his political career; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Elsea was an active and devout member of the Spring City First Baptist Church, which she served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Claudette Elsea was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, our valued colleague Senator Gene Elsea and was the proud mother of Kim Hawley, Terry Elsea, and Chris Barnes; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Elsea will be sorely missed by her grandchildren, Jameson Barnes, Chelsea Barnes, Alexander Elsea, Chandler Elsea, and Chesney Hawley; her sister, Imogene Cunningham; and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Claudette Elsea leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Claudette Henley Elsea, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Elsea.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.